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School Begins September 3rd.

It is now nearly a month since we came to Clayton, and yet we have had no word with the public whom we are to serve. Therefore, we feel that it is merely a waste of time to apologize or beg pardon for writing these words. We wish to thank the people of Clayton for the great kindness and courtesy they have shown us. Our most kind thoughts and choicest words of praise are for the people of Clayton for the universal welcome they have given us.

In response to this welcome we wish to say that we have come to do the greatest service possible. Service is our watchword, conscience our guide, preparation and consecration our shield and we desire as a victory a well-pleased public, and an appreciative study body and patronage, without these we shall sadly feel that we have no victory, but defeat instead, and that we have not served at all.

We come believing that the people will do that which is most appropriate, and in turn we intend to be honest and sincere in all we do. We come with no criticism, but with good will toward all desiring to become well-acquainted with our pupils and patrons. In fact, we wish to become real citizens of Clayton, and we especially desire to know each and every person. We shall be glad if the people will feel as we feel, that it will be no intrusion or offense if they will make themselves acquainted with us; for truly we feel that we cannot serve to the best advantage until we are real citizens of Clayton, and really acquainted with the people, their desires, and the instruction they have given their children, and possess with them a common pride in Clayton, her public schools, the school interests of Union county and the general welfare of New Mexico. As stated, we come with no adverse criticism. We desire to hear all the good and only enough of that which is not good to make us able to guide our words and actions into no harm.

Adverse criticism is not the weapon of bravery. Forbearable criticism is the expression of a man who knows that all are imperfect, that there is so much good in the worst and so much bad in the best of us, that it becomes no one to speak evil of another.

Clayton being the most important town in northeastern New Mexico, should have good public schools. Clayton should have good instructors—teachers who are conscientious, prepared and experienced—and it should be said that Clayton's schools are a credit and a pride. To have such schools there must be a school sentiment, a school loyalty, and a united effort among the citizens to make Clayton's schools worth attending.

You will notice this issue of our paper is headless, not that we have been train robbing and lost our head for so doing, but the crime we have committed is that we have been successful enough to publish a newspaper in Clayton, coming out regular for a period of eighteen months. This, it seems, some of our fellow-people cannot stand for.

The history of the situation is: One year and a half ago we contracted with eight of our citizens for a printing outfit, the main feature of our duty under the contract was the publishing of a democratic newspaper in Clayton which we proceeded to do according to the dictation of our own ideas of a country newspaper. We have plodded along, devising every means in our knowledge to exist and continue the publication of a democratic paper in a county where the substantial support was thrown to the republican contemporary. Later, the situation changed. The country is settling up with the stranger, a majority of whom are democrats, the future begins to look a little brighter for a democratic paper. Then again real estate firms are getting thick in Clayton with a corresponding amount of advertising in connection, all of which helped to dis-satisfy the would-be politicians and newspaper men. Again we have been accused of not being radical enough in politics, this accusation we are proud of, for when a newspaper or individual lets politics control better judgment the people and country are injured. And right here we wish to define our position on politics. We are democratic in principle, but should the democracy of Union County place a man before the people for election to office that we consider incapable, no support will be given by our paper. When we leased the printing outfit which we have just returned and which had been stored for more than five months with unwashed forms in an old outhouse, covered with dust and cobwebs, it had long since discarded the name of "Clayton Enterprise" and before its complete

By this we do not say that our schools have not been most excellent and worth attending, for we know well that our schools have been under wise and experienced instructors, and also under able Educational Boards. But we do mean to say that we desire to see a school sentiment and a school pride that our town deserves.

We do not wish to boast, but we do wish to state assertingly that we intend to give high class instruction—instruction that will cover well and thoroughly all the work of the primary, grammar and high schools, and we intend to make the above statement good.

The Public Schools of Clayton for the school year 1906-7 begins September 3rd 1906. We desire that every person of school age who intends to enter school during the year, enter at nine o'clock, September 3rd, in order that we may classify and grade every pupil early, and that no one will be behind his classmate of last year. We want the co-

operation of each and every patron. Without co-operation we cannot teach a successful school. The management of the school of last year has treated us with the greatest courtesy and kindness. Words are not sufficient to speak our gratitude for his kindness. Very Sincerely, R. L. TEMPLETON.

Lack of water is given as a reason why there was not more of a rush for some of the newly opened public lands in the northwest. Didn't know but what it was lack of breweries and distilleries.—X

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As rendered to the Comptroller of Currency.

At the close of business June 18, 1906

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$192,420.27
Overdrafts	339.61
U. S. Bonds	68,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,375.92
Cash and Sight Exchange	19,954.82
	\$383,490.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$75,000.00
Reserve	50,000.00
Deposits	257,708.38
Other Liabilities—Including Surplus and Profits	10,792.24
	\$383,490.62

The above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge.
N. E. WHITWORTH, Comptroller.

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